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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSIONS FOR THREE (3) CABLE TELEVISION
FRANCHISES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF STEVENSON RANCH,
CANYON COUNTRY AND NORTH TORRANCE GRANTED TO TIME WARNER
CABLE INC., A PUBLICLY HELD DELAWARE CORPORATION AND/OR THEIR
SUBSIDIARIES**

(2nd, 5th DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve three (3) ordinance amendments to extend the term of the cable television franchises through March 31, 2007 in the unincorporated areas of Stevenson Ranch, Canyon Country and North Torrance.
2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinances that implement the above recommendations.
3. Find these franchise extensions categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Time Warner Cable Inc. and/or their subsidiaries have three (3) cable television franchises with the County that expire on December 31, 2005. Extension of the current franchise terms through March 31, 2007 allows the County sufficient time to amend Title 16, Division 4, of the County Code (Cable Television System Franchises) and negotiate the renewal of these franchises.

Term extensions are requested for the following franchises:

Stevenson Ranch, Ordinance No. 88-0164F, as amended, granted to Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership.

Canyon Country, Ordinance No. 87-0134F, as amended, granted to Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/ Newhouse Partnership;

North Torrance, Ordinance No. 84-0122F, as amended, granted to Time Warner Cable Inc. a Delaware corporation;

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation will assist in implementing the Countywide Strategic Plan goal of fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the County. These cable television franchises generate revenue to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. §542 (b)) gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The extension of these cable television franchises will allow continued collection of these franchise fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinances and approved them as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The term extension of these cable television franchises are categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Ms. Kristy Hennessey, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, Time Warner, 303 W. Palm Ave., Orange, CA 92866, Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor Controller, County Counsel, Department of Public Works, and Department of Consumer Affairs of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr.
Director

Enclosures: (3) Ordinances

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Kristy Hennessey, Time Warner
Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works